

New York, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor. **Page S349**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, January 28, 2010, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010. **Page S349**

Johnson Nomination—Cloture: Senate began consideration of the nomination of Martha N. Johnson, of Maryland, to be Administrator of General Services. **Page S349**

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 70 yeas to 30 nays (Vote No. Ex. 16), Ben S. Bernanke, of New Jersey, to be Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System. **Pages S295–S317**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 77 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 15), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S317**

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Record Votes: Seven record votes were taken today. (Total—16) **Pages S281–84, S286, S317**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 6:41 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 29, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S351.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BROADBAND TECHNOLOGY OPPORTUNITIES

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Department of Commerce's Broadband Technology Opportunities Program funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, after receiving testimony from Gary Locke, Secretary, and Lawrence E. Strickling, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, both of the Department of Commerce.

BUDGET AND ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the budget and economic outlook, focusing on fiscal years 2011–2020, after receiving testimony from Douglas W. Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

SOLAR ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Green Jobs and the New Economy to examine solar energy technology and clean energy jobs, after receiving testimony from Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior; Robert Rogan, eSolar, Pasadena, California; Robert Gillette, First Solar, New York, New York; Andrew P. Morriss, University of Illinois College of Law, Champaign; and Jeff Wolfe, groSolar, White River Junction, Vermont.

RESCUE, RECOVERY, AND RECONSTRUCTION IN HAITI

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine rescue, recovery, and reconstruction in Haiti, focusing on the extent of the damages, immediate relief needs, intermediate goals, and the long-term path to recovery, after receiving testimony from Rony Francois, Georgia Incoming Director of Public Health, Atlanta; Paul Farmer, United Nations, Boston, Massachusetts; and James Dobbins, The RAND Corporation, Washington, D.C.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Ian Hoddy Solomon, of Maryland, to be United States Executive Director of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Walter Crawford Jones, of